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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR HILL RE TRADE CENTER
OPERATIONS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3969

1. AMBASSADOR HILL MET WITH COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES, ON
JUNE 5. THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS THE FUTURE
OF THE TRADE CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES.

2. THE AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED AS
FOLLOWS:

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A) THE TRADE CENTER WILL BE PHASED OUT OVER THE MONTHS AHEAD

WITH FINAL CLOSING TARGET DATE OF DEC. 31, 1974.

B) THE INSTALLATION OF BULLET-PROOF GLASS AND OTHER SECURITY EQUIPMENT AS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY WILL NOT REPEAT, NOT BE CARRIED OUT. SUCH INSTALLATIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNNECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENT CLOSING.

C) THE NOW VACANT TRADE CENTER POSITION WILL NOT BE FILLED. ACTING DIRECTOR SAM BEVANS WILL CONTINUE TO SO SERVE.

3. THE AGREEMENTS DESCRIBED IN (2) ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL STATE/EMBASSY/COMMERCE CONCURRENCE.

4. THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE CENTER WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.

5. TRADE PROMOTION EVENTS NOW SCHEDULED THROUGH NOVEMBER WILL BE HELD AS PLANNED. INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW ON CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ON EVENTS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR.
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